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Title: **ANALYTICAL METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR
LIQUID SAMPLE USING NEAR INFRARED
SPECTROSCOPY**

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Sir:

In response to the Office Action in paper no. 5, dated May 29, 2002, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend claims 1, 4, 5 and 9 - 14 as provided on the following pages. Marked-up copies of the amended claims are included herewith, as well as clean amended copies. Also, please add new claims 15-19 as shown on the attached sheets.

REMARKS

Upon entry of the present amendment, Claims 1-19 are in the application, of which Claims 1 and 5 are independent.

In the above amendments, independent claim 1 is amended to further define the analytical method according to the invention by replacing the term "cell" with "test tube", by replacing some of the amended language from Preliminary amendment-A with the original language, changing the term "modifying" to "comparing", and defining that the calibration equation is determined from a near infrared absorption spectrum of a liquid reference sample with known object characteristics, which liquid reference sample is disposed within a

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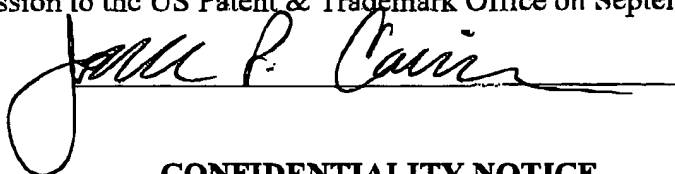
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